

TRIBUTE TO MURRAY WILSON

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, in the sixth Congressional District of Indiana there are so many warm-hearted people doing good things. These exceptional individuals who have a passion for doing good deeds are Hoosier heroes. Hoosier heroes because they reiterate that one person can make a difference through dedicating their lives to helping others.

Murray Wilson of Albany, Indiana is a Hoosier hero. Murray has dedicated the past twelve years of his life to raising support for local charities in the district. It is not often that someone, such as Murray takes time out of their day to work tirelessly helping others.

Murray spends countless hours writing letters, rounding up pledges, participating in walks, and raising support for his drives. Many well-honored charities have benefited from Murray's dedication, such as the March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and the list goes on. Thus far this year Murray is one of the top fundraisers in the state of Indiana for the March of Dimes.

This summer he was able to meet Maggie Peterson from the television show *Andy Griffith* who was touched by Murray's generosity and sponsored him \$100 for the March of Dimes drive.

Murray Wilson's giving spirit continues to make a difference through his actions. Soon, Hoosiers all across the state of Indiana will be able to read Murray's story, which is to be released this month by author Ray Rice, "Indiana's Own, Stories From the Heart," describing 50 inspirational stories from Indiana's own award-winning television segment.

Mr. Speaker, Murray Wilson continues to strive to help others by reaching out and lending a helping hand. And for that reason Murray Wilson of Albany, Indiana, is a Hoosier hero.

HONORING SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT JOSEPH F. FINNIGAN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished FBI Special Agent from the Bureau's Detroit Division on the occasion of his retirement. On February 5, 1970, Joseph F. Finnigan entered on duty as a clerk for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. On March 15, 1971, in response to a call from Director J. Edgar Hoover for an additional 1000 agents, Joe was sworn in, sent to new agents training class, and began what proved to be an exemplary career as a Special Agent.

From June, 1971 until August of 1972, Special Agent Finnigan was assigned to the Chicago Field Office and investigated a variety of criminal matters. It was during this period that Joe first began investigating organized crime, a pursuit that would become his specialty and career highlight in later years. In August of 1972, Director Hoover transferred Joe to the

Detroit Field Office where he served for over 31 years.

In 1986, Joe joined the management ranks when he was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) and placed in charge of the Great Lakes Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force and in 1988 he became the supervisor of the Organized Crime squad, the post from which he made what are perhaps his most significant contributions, the post from which he retires on September 30, 2003.

During his tenure as the SSA of Detroit's legendary C-8 squad, Joe supervised the organized crime investigation code named "GAMTAX". His supervision and direction of this long and arduous investigation resulted in some of the most significant organized crime convictions and forfeitures in the history of the FBI. This investigation focused on the Detroit Family of La Cosa Nostra, an extremely active criminal enterprise for at least 30 years with criminal roots going back to the Prohibition era. The information developed during the course of this massive investigation allowed agents to prevent several murders and assaults. Supervisory Special Agent Finnigan met face to face with LAN Boss Jack Tocco and told him that he would be held personally responsible for any harm caused by him or his mob associates.

In 1996, a Michigan Federal Grand Jury charged the entire hierarchy of the Detroit LAN with 25 counts of racketeering. "Capo" Vito Giacalone became the first member to publicly acknowledge his LAN membership and the existence of the Detroit LAN when he pled guilty to the charges. "Capo" Anthony Giacalone, one of two people Jimmy Hoffa was supposedly waiting to meet when he mysteriously disappeared was also indicted, but died of kidney disease before being brought to trial. LAN Boss Jack Tocco, whose only previous conviction was for attending an illegal cockfight, was convicted of racketeering and extortion and sent to prison.

SSA Joe Finnigan has received letters of commendation from every FBI Director, consistently received top job performance reviews, and has garnered many letters of appreciation from the United States Attorney's Office and the United States Department of Justice. He has earned and kept the respect of his law enforcement colleagues and has diligently protected the citizens of the great State of Michigan and the citizens of this great Nation with enthusiasm, dedication and pride.

Supervisory Special Agent Joseph M. Finnigan has exemplified the very finest traditions of the FBI by adhering to the traits that make up the Bureau's motto: "Fidelity, Bravery, and Integrity." Mr. Speaker, I ask that my Colleagues join me in recognizing Joe for his service to our country and offering our best wishes on the occasion of his retirement.

H.R. 13—MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES ACT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 13, to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act.

H.R. 13 contains a provision that will amend the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Act to increase maximum limits on liability amounts.

It is important to pass this provision that would raise the cap so that museums are able to obtain valued exhibitions from overseas.

The current cap is preventing museums from receiving the total amount of indemnity coverage that they need, forcing them to buy commercial insurance. Many museums simply cannot afford commercial insurance.

This provision will allow museums to continue benefiting from the Arts and Indemnity Program, which has benefited millions of Americans by allowing valuable works of art to travel to U.S. Museums.

Several museums in Minnesota, including the Walker Art Center and the Minneapolis Institute of Art will be able to continue borrowing exhibitions from all over the world.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this very important bill.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OBER, KALER, GRIMES AND SHRIVER LAW FIRM

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to one of Baltimore's leading law firms—Ober, Kaler, Grimes and Shriver—as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. The firm was founded in 1903 when Stuart S. Janney and Albert C. Ritchie merged their practices into Ritchie and Janney.

After World War I, the firm became Ritchie, Janney, Ober and Williams when Frank B. Ober and Robert Williams joined the practice. Another merger in 1969 changed the name to Ober, Grimes and Shriver. The current name of the firm—Ober, Kaler, Grimes and Shriver—resulted from a merger in 1983 with the Washington, D.C. firm of Kaler, Daniel, Worsley and Hollman.

Most often referred to as Ober/Kaler, this law firm has produced two Maryland governors. In 1920, Albert Ritchie left the firm to begin an unprecedented 16-years as governor of Maryland. He returned to the firm after rejecting President Franklin D. Roosevelt's invitation to be his vice presidential running mate. Gov. Robert Ehrlich, the current governor of Maryland, practiced law for 12 years at Ober/Kaler.

Ober/Kaler is a lawyer's law firm. With more than 120 lawyers, and offices in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, the firm serves a national and international roster of clients in litigation, regulatory and transactional issues, as well as various other areas of the law. It provides outstanding legal advice to both businesses and individuals, including clients engaged in health care, construction, equipment leasing, banking, secured financing and other industries.

I hope my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in saluting Ober, Kaler, Grimes and Shriver as it celebrates 100 years of providing its clients with excellent legal advice.